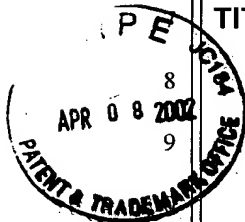


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This Supplemental information Disclosure Statement is being submitted at the request of the Examiner per the Office action dated January 16, 2002, and is being submitted after the time period allowed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. This Supplemental IDS pertains to the reference listed on the attached supplemental Form PTO-1449. This Supplemental information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in an attempt to fully cooperate with the Examiner and therefore advance the application towards allowance.


The Applicants and their attorney contend that the attached reference is not a reference which needs to be disclosed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, as it is not material to patentability of any of the claims. Nor is the reference necessary for enablement, as it merely describes what is now well known to those skilled in the relevant art. The reference is characterized in the "Background" section of the written description at page 2 line 17 through page 3 line 13, which states that the reference is "useful" (but not essential) for estimating parameters of stress condition of fractured and discrete rock units. The reference merely stands for the (now well known) proposition that the main

1 component of stress condition variation in discrete media is associated with the change
2 of vertical load (see page 3 lines 6-7 of the specification).

3 Since the reference was requested by the Examiner, and the Applicants believe
4 that the reference is not a reference which needs to be disclosed under 37 C.F.R. §
5 1.56, and further that the reference has been adequately described in the specification,
6 the Applicants contend that no fee is due for the submission of this Supplemental
7 information Disclosure Statement.

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